

Treasures of the Treasure State

on display at the Montana Historical Society

Big Medicine

Born: May 3, 1933, National
Bison Range near Moiese
Died: August 25, 1959
Weight: 1900 pounds
Height: 6 feet at the hump
Length: 12 feet from tip of
nose to end of tail
Mount by: Bob Scriver
Backdrop by:
Robert F. Morgan, 2000



"Northern Plains believers linked the white buffalo to the recurring legend of White Buffalo Calf Woman, signifying hope, the return of plenty and power, and the unity of all peoples"

—Dave Walter, Historian



The Montana Historical Society's own (M89) brand combines an "M" for Montana with an "89" in recognition of Montana's admission to the Union in 1889

Symbol of the Pros—by celebrated Montana sculptor Bob Scriver—is exhibited on the east lawn of the Historical Society building in Helena. Like many of Scriver's works this monumental-sized bronze pays homage to the daring men and women of the professional rodeo circuit.



Long-term exhibits

The **Mackay Gallery of Charles M. Russell Art** boasts one of the world's finest collections of works by Montana's famed "Cowboy Artist."

The **Montana Homeland** exhibit tells Montana's story from prehistoric times through WWII.

The **Treasure State Treasures** exhibit features a diverse sampling of the Society's most significant, unusual, and colorful collections.

Coming in 2006! Neither Empty Nor Unknown: Montana at the Time of Lewis and Clark will allow visitors to experience the Big Sky Country just as it was two hundred years ago.

Temporary exhibits

Through November 2005: **Painting the Corps: Contemporary Visions of Lewis and Clark** explores the ways in which today's artists are celebrating the two-hundredth anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's Corps of Discovery. (Reflections Gallery)

Through to be announced: **Portraits of Native America** pays homage to Montana's first inhabitants as part of an ongoing series of temporary exhibits mounted in observance of the Lewis and Clark bicentennial. (Lobby)

December 2005 through February 2006: **Splendid was the Trail** will commemorate the United States Forest Service's 100th anniversary through the exceptional images of Missoula photographer K. D. Swan. (Reflections Gallery)

March 2006 through February 2007: **Photographing Montana: the World of Evelyn Cameron, 1894-1924** showcases intimate images of Eastern Montana's rural life, dramatic badlands, ranch characters and wildlife. (Reflections Gallery)

Other Events

January: Montana Preservation Awards

March: Friends of the Society's "**March Lecture Series**"

May: National Archeology Week
National Preservation Week

June: Original Governor's Mansion Garden Tour

August: Western Rendezvous of Art

September: Montana Historical Society Archeology Day

September: Montana History Conference

December: Original Governor's Mansion **Christmas Home Tour** and
Montana Historical Society Holiday Open House

September through May: **Thursday Nights at the Society Pages in History Readers' Forum**
(last Thursday of the month)

Hours

Montana's Museum

(off-season hours subject to change)

May through September:

Monday – Saturday – 9 am – 5 pm

Closed Sunday and Holidays

October through April:

Tuesday – Saturday – 9 am – 5 pm

Closed Monday, Sunday, and Holidays

Admission Fees: Members free; \$5 adult;

\$1 Children (under 5 years old free);

\$12 maximum per family; Call for group tours

Museum Store (no admission fee)

(off-season hours subject to change)

May through September:

Monday – Saturday – 9 am – 5 pm

Closed Sunday and Holidays

October through December:

Monday – Friday – 10 am – 5 pm,

Saturday 12 noon – 5 pm

Closed Sunday and Holidays

January through April:

Tuesday – Friday 10 am – 5 pm,

Saturday 12 noon – 5 pm

Closed Monday, Sunday, and Holidays

Research Center (no admission fee)

Tuesday – Friday: 9 am – 5 pm

Saturday: 9 am – 1 pm

Closed Monday, Sunday, and Holiday weekends

Photographic Archives (no admission fee)

Tuesday – Friday: 1 pm – 5 pm

Closed Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Holiday weekends

Original Governor's Mansion Tours

May through September:

Tuesday – Saturday 12 noon – 4 pm

Closed Sunday, Monday, and Holidays

October through April:

Saturday only 12 noon – 4 pm

Closed Holidays

Admission Fees: Members free; \$4 adult;

\$1 children (under 5 years old free);

\$10 maximum per family; call for group tours

State Capitol Tours (no admission fee)

May through September:

Monday – Saturday 9 am – 3 pm;

Sunday 12 noon – 4 pm

Closed Holidays

Call for off-season hours and group tours